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THE TRAVANCORE SRI CHITRA STATE COUNCIL.

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Monday the 8th August, 1938/24th Karkadakam, 1113.

The Sri Chitra State Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at eleven of the clock, with Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, K. C. I. E., Dewan-President, in the chair.

MEMBERS SWORN.

The following members took the oath and signed the rolls :—

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan, *Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Travancore University.*

Mr. K. J. Cheriyan, *Ag. Financial Secretary to Government.*

Mr. K. George, *Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner.*

Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai, *Director of Public Health.*

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai, *Ag. Secretary to Government.*

Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai, *Legal Remembrancer to Government.*

Mr. M. Sultan Muhiadheen (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*).

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon, *Electrical Engineer to Government.*

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao, *Ag. Commissioner of Police.*

Dr. K. P. Raman Pillai, *Ag. Surgeon-General.*

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott, *Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation.*

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The right of advertising through the transport buses.

1. ***Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

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[Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair.]

(*a*) whether they have given the right of advertising through the medium of transport buses to any individual, company or concern ;

(*b*) if the answer to the above question is in the affirmative, the name of such individual, company or concern, specifying the amount for which such right is given as also the period for which it is given ;

(*c*) whether they had called for tenders before giving such a right ; and

(*d*) whether they will place on the table a copy of the contract giving such a right of advertisement, if any ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) It has been decided to give the right of advertising in the State buses to a company.

(*b*) South India Highways Publicity Service, Madras, for a sum of Rs. 1,500 per annum for a period of three years.

(*c*) Yes, *vide* the Transport Departmental Sheet in the Gazette, dated 5th Makaram 1113/18th January 1938.

(*d*) The agreement is being executed.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : With reference to part (*a*) may I know when the contract was decided to be given to the company ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : The contract was decided to be given in February last.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know whether the South India Highways Publicity Service, Madras, is a foreign concern ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : I may say, Sir, that it is not a Travancorean concern.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know who the Directors and the responsible authorities of the concern are ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : Sir, the information about the Directors and other details of the company are not known. It was found that their tender was the most profitable to Government and so it was accepted.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair May I know whether Government made any enquiries in regard to this concern before the right of advertising was given to it ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : Reasonable enquiries were made and Government found no reason for suspecting their bona fides or their efficiency and capacity to discharge the work about which they have entered into contract with Government.

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Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether any other concern or company offered to take up advertising?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: Local companies and individuals offered to take up the work, but the amount they offered fell far below the amount offered by the South India Highways Publicity Service, Madras.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know the amount of the offer next below that of the Madras Highways Publicity Service?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: I do not remember the name of the firm, Sir, but the next offer was for Rs. 500.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know the number of persons who offered to take up the right of advertising?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: Including individuals, it exceeded, I think, half a dozen.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether Government thought it fit to give the advertising right to local bodies?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: Sir, Government thought that they should go in for the more profitable offer and for more extensive advertisement.

President: Question No. 2

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: Sir, I have not finished with Question No. 1.

President: The honourable member cannot make the question hour an hour for catechising.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know when Government expect the agreement to be completed?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: The terms of the agreement have already been settled, but the technicalities of a formal agreement have yet to be finished in consultation with the Law Officers of Government.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*): With reference to part (*d*) may I know what the terms of the agreement are?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: The important term is that they should pay Government Rs. 1,500 per annum for the right of advertising in the transport buses.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I know whether all the terms were discussed before Government accepted the offer of this concern?

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Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: Sir, all the terms were negotiated and discussed and finally settled before the offer was accepted by Government.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I know the reason for the delay in the execution of the agreement?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: The delay is only in finishing the formalities. Government have asked the Law Officers to draft the agreement.

Sahib Bahadur Abdul Tayeb Shaikh Kaderbhoy (*Commerce and Industry South*): May I know whether any advance has been received from the firm?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: No, Sir.

Construction of the transport garage near the Central Station.

2. ***Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair:** (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the name of the company or concern to whom the construction of the permanent transport garage near the Central Station is given, with the names of its directors;

(*b*) whether the above company had been registered in Travancore, and, if so, the date of registration;

(*c*) whether the said company had done any construction works either in Travancore or outside till this date;

(*d*) the amount for which the contract is given to the above company;

(*e*) whether the contract amount is to be paid in a lump or in instalments;

(*f*) whether the Government had called for tenders for the construction of the permanent transport garage, and, if so, the names of the companies that had offered tenders, specifying the amounts so tendered;

(*g*) whether any stipulation is made as to the exact time within which the construction of the garage is to be completed;

(*h*) whether any alteration in the design of the proposed building is made by the Government authorities subsequent to the acceptance of the tender;

(*i*) if the answer to part (*h*) is in the affirmative, whether the company had made any additional demand as a result of such change, and, if so, the amount so demanded;

(*j*) whether the said company is a foreign concern and the qualification of the said company;

(*k*) whether any articles towards the construction of the garage are given by Government or whether the company gets them from outside;

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